

# CE NEWS



## Alaska State Library Continuing Education Newsletter

### Webinar Picks

- [Using your Maker Skills to survive a Zombie Apocalypse with Raspberry Pi and Arduino](#)
- [The Value of Outcome Measurement for Library Programs](#)
- [Aspen Institute’s Rising to the Challenge Re-envision Public Libraries](#)
- [Engaging Your Community in Sustainable Funding](#)

### Comfortable? It May Be Time to Step Out of Your Comfort Zone!

According to Kathy Caprino, contributor to Forbes and a career and leadership coach, one of the most damaging things you can do in your career is stay for years where you are comfortable. Her article, [6 Ways Pushing Past Your Comfort Zone Is Critical To Success](#) published in 2014 describes why stepping out of your comfort zone and into the unknown helps you become more resilient, capable, and courageous.

### Events Calendar

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Upcoming Events:

Organizing Your Library to Maximize Student Achievement

Mon, Jan 4, 2016 4:00pm

A Conversation with the 2016 YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Finalists

Tue, Jan 5, 2016 9:00am

Discovery: A Better Model for Political Discussions

Tue, Jan 5, 2016 10:00am

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### [Library Development Training & CE Calendar](#)

## Makerspaces in the Library

Literacy, learning and scholarship has always been associated with libraries. Now libraries around the county are creating Makerspaces or offering Maker, STEM, STEAM or DIY programming that supports and encourages intergenerational sharing, participatory co-learning and community engagement. These libraries realize the important role they play in building and supporting a culture of learning in their communities. Active learning leads to deeper learning and experience and experimentation with new technologies leads to innovation.

Watch the [Participatory Learning Making & Tinkering IMLS Focus-Learning in Libraries](#) May 14, 2015 webcast to hear library directors share how their library Makerspaces are transforming lives, their library and their community. On Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 am the O’Reilly Community is offering, [Using your Maker Skills to survive a Zombie Apocalypse with Raspberry Pi and Arduino](#). During this webcast Simon Monk will discuss his new book “The Maker’s Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse and share some Raspberry Pi and Arduino project ideas.

Join the [Public Librarians’ Chat on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm](#). Special guest presenters will be Andrea Hirsch, Electronic Services & Outreach Librarian for the Juneau Public Library, Beth Weigel, Programming and Events Coordinator for the Juneau Public Library and Jason Russell of the Tuzzy Consortium Library in Barrow. During the chat we will be sharing programming experiences, potential partnerships, resources and ideas. Visit [Makerspaces](#) an online resource guide where you will find Maker resources, tutorials, and project ideas, blogs, podcasts and webcasts.